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House Votes \$70.3 Billion for Defense

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The House of Representatives

lives—tired of being No. 2 in
deciding military policy—
served notice yesterday that it
was going to try harder against
No. 1, Defense Secretary Robert
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